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SUBJECT: UNESCO - Literacy Prizes

¶1. Summary. On Friday, November 3, 2006, UNESCO awarded the 2006 Literacy prizes to literacy programs in Pakistan, Turkey, Cuba, India, and Morocco. A program in China received an Honorable Mention. Pakistan received the International Reading Association Literacy Prize. IRA is a U.S. association and one of their members also sat on the jury panel that awarded these prizes. Each prize is for \$20,000 and is awarded annually in recognition of effective contributions to the fight against illiteracy. ADG for Education, Peter Smith, presented the awards to each representative. Yo si puedo, the Cuban literacy program, received the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy prize. End Summary.

¶2. The ceremony was non-controversial although well attended. Each prize winner thanked UNESCO and said a few words about their program. While there was country press in attendance this was largely a non-event. ADG Smith spoke about the White House Conference on Global Literacy and its success and announced again that the first UNESCO follow-up regional literacy conference will be in Qatar next March. None of the programs who won these prizes were featured at the White House conference.

¶3. The Mission's Education Attache, Sally Lovejoy, attended the event in recognition of our strong support for literacy.  
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